

**DADE COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
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**BOA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
January 8th, 2026 (Thursday)

The **DADE COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** was held Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00 pm., in the Dade County Tax Assessors Office. The meeting met the requirements of the Georgia Sunshine Law.

**Chairman** Donny Williams called the meeting to order. Board members present were: Donny Williams, Allen Walters, James Eckhardt, and Richard Stephens. Jeff Poston was absent. Staff members present were: Paula Duvall and Cindy Cross.

**Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Board Secretary for 2026.** Richard Stephens made the motion for Donny Williams as Chairperson, Allen Walters 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. James Eckhardt, Allen Walters, and Richard Stephens all voted Yes, motion passed. Richard Stephens made a motion for Allen Walters as Vice Chairperson, James Eckhardt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Richard Stephens, James Eckhardt, and Donny Williams all voted Yes, motion passed. Allen Walters made a motion for Cindy Cross to remain as Secretary, Richard Stephens 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Richard Stephens, James Eckhardt, Allen Walters, and Donny Williams all voted Yes, motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes** –Richard Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and James Eckhardt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Richard Stephens, James Eckhardt, Allen Walters, and Donny Williams all voted Yes, motion passed.

**Budget Report Reviewed**

**Tax Payer Review**-none

**E&R's & NOD's- approved**

**Old Business**- Whole Life Center Church-approved Appeal to send to Superior Court. James Eckhardt made a motion to approve sending Appeal to Superior Court, Allen Walters 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. James Eckhardt, Donny Williams, Richard Stephens, and Allen Walters all voted Yes, motion passed.

**New Business**-

\* **CUV Release**-parcel 015 00 079 00. Allen Walters made a motion to approve Release, James Eckhardt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Allen Walters, Donny Williams, Richard Stephens, and James Eckhardt all voted Yes, motion passed.

\***Appeal Waivers**- Richard Stephens made a motion to approve Appeal Waivers for parcels 004 00 092 00, 003 00 012 00, 009 00 081 01, and 054 00 042 02, Allen Walters 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Richard Stephens, Allen Walters, Donny Williams, and James Eckhardt all voted Yes, motion passed.

\***Public Utilities**-James Eckhardt made a motion to approve Public Utilities 2025, Richard Stephens 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Donny Williams, Allen Walters, James Eckhardt, and Richard Stephens all voted Yes, motion passed.

\***Homestead Exemptions**-Richard Stephens made a motion to approve various 2026 exemptions, Allen Walters 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Donny Williams, Allen Walters, Richard Stephens, and James Eckhardt all voted Yes, motion passed.

**\*2026 Sales Ratio** – Chief Appraiser Paula Duvall discussed with Board members.

**Chairperson** Donny Williams announced the next board meeting scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 **@ 5 pm.**

Richard Stephens made a motion to adjourn the meeting **@ 5:33 PM**, James Eckhardt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Richard Stephens, James Eckhardt, Allen Walters, and Donny Williams all voted Yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by: Cindy Cross, Secretary- Dade County Board of Assessors